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SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY GENERAL  
ON RHODESIA SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES FROM THE SECRETARY  
AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY RAMPHAL.

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2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL: I SINCERELY  
WELCOMED RECEIVING YOUR MESSAGE TO THE COMMONWEALTH  
HEADS OF GOVERNMENT.YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE RHODESIAN  
SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS IS MOST GRATIFYING. I AGREE WITH  
YOU THAT THE COMMONWEALTH NATIONS CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT  
ROLE IN HELPING ZIMBABWE SECURE AN ECONOMICALLY PROSPEROUS  
FUTURE AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE. THE RESPONSES WE HAVE

RECEIVED SO FAR FROM THE PRINCIPAL PARTIES TO THE  
DISPUTE PROVIDE SOME CAUSE FOR HOPE THAT OUR INITIATIVE  
WILL PROVE SUCCESSFUL. THERE ARE MANY OBSTACLES AHEAD.  
HOWEVER, IN MOVING TOWARD OUR SHARED GOAL OF A FREE AND  
INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE KNOWLEDGE THAT  
WE CAN COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT. SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE.  
UNQUOTE.

3. QUOTE: DEAR SONNY: I HAVE READ WITH GREAT PLEASURE

YOUR TELEGRAM TO THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT.  
IT CAME AT JUST THE RIGHT MOMENT. ALL THE PEOPLE OF  
ZIMBABWE WILL NEED THE USEFUL COUNSEL WHICH YOU AND THE  
COMMONWEALTH NATIONS CAN PROVIDE IN THE COMING WEEKS AS  
THEY DETERMINE THEIR PATH TOWARD THEIR LEGITIMATE GOAL  
OF MAJORITY RULE. AS NEGOTIATIONS ADVANCE ON BEHALF OF  
PEACE AND JUSTICE IN ZIMBABWE, THE COMMONWEALTH WILL BE  
IN AN EXCELLENT POSITION TO PROVIDE FURTHER ESSENTIAL  
ASSISTANCE. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU  
ON THIS CRITICAL ISSUE. ANDY YOUNG. UNQUOTE. VANCE

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